

means for determining whether a conferee is speaking by analyzing a consistency between a visual lip movement of said conferee and an audio signal from a conference station in which said conferee is located; and

means for visually altering an image of said conferee displayed in other conference stations if said conferee is determined to be speaking.

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6. (Added) The videoconference system of claim 5 wherein said means for determining whether said conferee is speaking comprises a voice activity detector.

7. (Added) The videoconference system of claim 6 wherein said voice activity detector is implemented at each of said conference stations.

8. (Added) The videoconference system of claim 6 wherein said voice activity detector is implemented at said conference bridge.

9. (Added) The videoconference system of claim 6 wherein said voice activity detector includes image analysis and recognition software.

10. (Added) The videoconference system of claim 5 wherein said means for visually altering said image comprises means for highlighting a border around said image of said conferee determined to be speaking.

Sub B2 11. (Added) A videoconference station comprising:
a transmitter to transmit a combined audio video signal to a videoconference bridge; and

means for determining whether a conferee located at said videoconference station is speaking by analyzing a consistency between a visual lip movement of said conferee and an audio signal at said station.

D 12. (Added) The videoconference station of claim 11 wherein said means for determining whether said conferee is speaking is a voice activity detector.

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a 13. (Added) The videoconference station of claim 12 wherein said voice activity detector includes image analysis and recognition software.

Sub B3 14. (Added) A method of displaying images of a plurality of conferees in a videoconference system, comprising:

determining whether a conferee is speaking by analyzing a consistency between a visual lip movement of said conferee and an audio signal from a conference station in which said conferee is located; and

visually altering an image of said conferee that is displayed to other conferees when said conferee is determined to be speaking.

15. (Added) A method of determining whether a conferee in a videoconference is speaking, comprising analyzing a consistency between a visual lip movement of said conferee and an audio signal from a conference station in which said conferee is located.